

NMCC Minutes
July 12, 2012

The Cultural Council meeting was called to order at 4:15 with Ned, Mary R., Joyce, Nan, Margie, Alan, Nikki, Tom and Barbara in attendance.

Others: Louise, Marsha Harvey, Deb O'Brien attended to discuss Burrirt Day. The minutes for 6/14 were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Weeks gave the report and it was approved. The Sandisfield Arts need to send in a form from last year's donation and Barbara will call them. We spent the Town Account on the mailing. We will have another \$1000 from the town as of July.

Officers:

Barbara mentioned the need for new officers for the coming year. We need to have a third chair person this year to take over the role of chair for the following year. Michele and Louise had to resign until December due to their role on the SBRSD Task Force. A new secretary is needed until Michele returns. Nan will be Michele until December and Tom will be treasurer. Both were approved.

Garden Tour:

More volunteers are needed to fill slots at gardens.

Maureen, Brian and Barbara will put up signs and hand out tickets for garden tour hosts. Lawn Chairs are a good idea to bring for volunteers.

Burrirt Day

Tables, Smitty, Potty are all lined up. We are under the town's insurance policy. Alan is working on lining up kid volunteers. They are not set in stone yet but Dakota Nordoff and Solomon Joffe have been asked. Owen is also calling some kids.

Additional publicity was discussed: Postcards were an option for the 1400 members on our mailing list. Quick Print will make a full sized post card for \$500. The postcards would go to a targeted audience and not broadcast like the 5 Village News insert. Both postcard and 5 Village insert were approved. Holly Poindexter will be asked to do the postcard.

The mailing list needs to be updated and we need to find someone needs to take on this project.

Tom will take care of the nameplate for plaque for the citizen award.

Ned took care of the Shopper's Guide ads which will run for 4 weeks. The 8 ads are \$392 for the month.

Ned will place the drop off for White Elephant Sale- Donations/ sandwich board
On 8/17 @ 10am we need a caravan of volunteers to bring the loot up to the Green from the barn.

We may need tarps.

On Friday the 13th we will run the 5K course. Plan to meet at the green between 9:30-10:00 at the Green. Lunch after provided by Ned and Co.

Barbara will ask Dorthea Burnett to give out 5K awards.

Nikki Hayes reported that she placed an ad to get vendors and the response has been good. They will hold off and see if they need to run the ad again later.

Ghi Sign will make a banner for Charles Flint for \$65. He needs a few days turnaround to make this. Does he need a tent? Is Tom's available?

Mary Smith is working on the 1st draft of the Pru Spalding Article.
Barbara will take care of Charlie Flint article.

Marsha Harvey- Library Friends President spoke:

This is the final year that the Legion Hall is available for book collection. It is for sale.

Volunteers are needed: 8 am on the 8/18 with vehicles. The books need to be moved from the Legion to the Green.

The book sale may need to be reevaluated The Friends of the Library group think it won't be there next year. It is not a money-maker and the Friends of the Library group is diminishing.

New business: Alan Lombardi shared his experience at the Berkshire Playwright Lab- He saw *Release Point*. It was a very positive experience for him. He encouraged our support of the group and was happy that the NMCC supports them.

The next meeting will be August 8th at 4:15 p.m.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Smith

